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ENP01-1225047 2/06/VCK-E/R78-67 PRELIMINARY AIR ACTIVITY REPORT

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INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN REPRESENTS PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF SIGHT
AVAILABLE TO USJ 794 AS OF 25 APRIL 1967. SECTION ONE - SUMMARY OF AIR DEFENSE
AND TACTICAL AIR ACTIVITY FOR 24 AND 25 APRIL. FURTHER HIGHLIGHTING ACTIVITY OF
24 APRIL WAS THE DRV SAM REACTION TO U.S. AIR STRIKES ON THIS DATE. A MINIMUM OF
FOUR SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES (SAM) WERE LAUNCHED BY TWO SAM REGIMENTS AGAINST
P.M. STRIKE AIRCRAFT OPERATING OVER THE NORTHERN-CENTRAL DRV. AN F4C WAS
PROBABLY DOWNED BY THE INTEGRATED ACTIONS OF THE BATTALIONS OF THE 236TH SAM
REGIMENT WHILE A U.S. NAVY A6A WAS PROBABLY DOWNED BY A BATTALION OF THE 238TH
SAM REGIMENT (SEE SECTION TWO). HIGHLIGHTING ACTIVITY FOR 25 APRIL WAS THE DRV
MIG REACTION TO INTRUSIONS OF U.S. STRIKE AIRCRAFT OVER THE DRV. MIGS STAGING
FROM TWO DRV AIRFIELDS PERFORMED INTERCEPT/ATTACK MISSIONS AND DEFENSIVE
PATROLS. ONE OF THESE DEFENSIVE PATROLS RESULTED IN AN ENGAGEMENT WITH THE LOSS
OF ONE U.S. NAVY A4C. EQUALLY SIGNIFICANT IS THE INTER-AIRFIELD FLIGHT FROM
AT LEAST 16, POSSIBLY 20, KORCOM-PILOTED MIG-17'S FROM PHUC YEN TO KEP
AIRFIELD. THIS IS THE INITIAL SIGHT REFLECTION OF KORCOM PILOTS OPERATING AT
ANY DRV AIRFIELD OTHER THAN PHUC YEN (SEE SECTION THREE). THERE WERE NO AVAILABLE
SIGHT REFLECTIONS OF SAM LAUNCH ACTIVITY FOR 25 APRIL. A MINIMUM OF 106,
POSSIBLY 120, MIG SORTIES WERE FLOWN OVER THE DRV ON THIS DATE. THIS
REPRESENTS THE HIGHEST VOLUME OF MIG ACTIVITY TO DATE. ACTIVITY, OTHER THAN
REPORTED ABOVE, CONSISTED OF NAVIGATIONAL TRAINING, AN INTER-AIRFIELD FLIGHT FROM
HANOI GIA LAM TO HOA LAC AND UNIDENTIFIABLE FLIGHT ACTIVITY. COMINT REFLECTED
11 ACTIVE SAM BATTALIONS.

AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES (ASF) INDICATES THAT 16 OF
THESE STATIONS REPORTED 496 TRACKS. SECTION TWO - DRV SAM BATTALIONS REACT TO
U.S. STRIKES ON 24 APRIL. A MINIMUM OF FOUR SAMs WERE LAUNCHED BY TWO SAM
REGIMENTS AGAINST P.M. STRIKE AIRCRAFT OPERATING OVER THE NORTHERN-CENTRAL DRV.
AN F4C WAS PROBABLY DOWNED BY THE INTEGRATED ACTIONS OF THE BATTALIONS OF THE
236TH SAM REGIMENT WHILE A U.S. NAVY A6A WAS PROBABLY DOWNED BY A BATTALION OF
THE 238TH SAM REGIMENT. THE FOLLOWING IS A RESUMZ OF THIS ACTIVITY: 1. FROM
0805Z TO 1020Z, DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED THE INTEGRATED LAUNCH
ACTIVITIES OF FOUR BATTALIONS OF THE 236TH SAM REGIMENT AGAINST U.S. STRIKES ON
HOA LAC AIRFIELD. AT 0805Z, MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS REFLECTED A
MULTI-BATTALION ALERT TO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT ENTERING THE DRV. THIS ALERT INVOLVED
THE 236TH REGIMENTAL CONTROLLER AND SAM BATTALIONS VI451 (2110N 10530E), VI453
(2118N 10551E) AND VI463 (2127N 10555E). AT 0809Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER
REPORTED A FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT AT AN UNSPECIFIED LOCATION. AT 0818Z, A SPEAKER AT
VI453 REPORTED INTERFERENCE AND EXCLAIMED SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE HAD LOST THE
TARGET. A MINUTE LATER, THIS SAME SPEAKER STATED HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT A

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3 LOSSES

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A-6A = 0649 -2

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MISSILE HAD BEEN LAUNCHED, HOWEVER, FAILED TO INDICATE WHICH BATTALION HAD LAUNCHED. THE LAUNCH WAS APPARENTLY UNSUCCESSFUL AS THE REGIMENTAL CONTROLLER STATED, AT 0820Z, THAT THE TARGET WAS DESCENDING ALTITUDE "TO STRIKE". AT 0822Z, A SPEAKER AT V1453 QUERIED THE CONTROLLER FOR THE LOCATION OF FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT. NO ANSWER WAS NOTED. AT 0830Z, AN UNIDENTIFIED BATTALION WAS INSTRUCTED TO DESTROY A TARGET IN QUADRANT 11 (CENTER-2138N10509E), AND AT 0831Z ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER STATED THAT "FOUR" HAD LAUNCHED A SAM BUT THAT THE MISSILE HAD NOT HIT THE TARGET AND HAD FAILED TO DETONATE. AT 0834Z, SAM BATTALION V1466 (2120N 10532E) WAS INFORMED THAT HOSTILE AIRCRAFT WERE TO THE NORTHWEST. XXIII
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